

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND
DECISION RECORD

Wendling Progeny Test Site Establishment
Environmental Assessment No. OR090-00-12

Background

The Eugene District completed an environmental assessment (EA) and preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a proposal to establish a 14 acre progeny test site on a portion of a regeneration harvest area located in Section 11, T. 16 S., R. 1 W. Will. Mer. The Proposed Action would occur in the General Forest Management Area Land Use Allocation in the Mohawk River Watershed. The actions would take place over 2 years starting in fiscal year 2000.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the information contained in the EA (OR090-00-12) and all other information available to me, it is my determination that implementation of the Proposed Action or alternatives will not have significant environmental impacts beyond those already addressed in the *Record of Decision (ROD) for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (April 1994) and the *Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* (June 1995). This EA is in conformance with the above-mentioned documents, and does not, in and of itself, constitute a major federal action having a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement or a supplement to the existing environmental impact statement is not necessary and will not be prepared.

Consultation

No consultation with US Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and US National Marine and Fisheries Service (NMFS) was required on this action.

Public Comments

A public notice advertising the availability of the EA and preliminary FONSI appeared in the Eugene Register-Guard on June 14, 2000. Additionally, the EA and preliminary FONSI were mailed to interested individuals and organizations (EA, p. 11). A 15-day public comment period closed on June 29, 2000. No public comments were received.

Decision and Rationale

It is my decision to select the Proposed Action - Progeny Test Site Establishment. All of the design features described in the EA (pp. 5-6) will be implemented. The Proposed Alternative was selected because the test site is an important component of the Eugene District operational tree improvement program and regional cooperative efforts.

The Proposed Action is consistent with the standards and guidelines in the *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (April 1994). Based on the analysis discussed and presented in the EA, the Proposed Action is consistent with the Aquatic Conservation Strategy and the objectives for the Riparian Reserves, and would not prevent or retard attainment of any of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives. The Proposed Action is consistent with the analysis and recommendations in the Mohawk/McGowan Watershed Analysis (1995).

Administrative Review Opportunities

The decision to implement this project may be appealed to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. If an appeal is taken, the notice of appeal must be filed in this office within thirty (30) days of the publication of the notice of this decision in the Eugene Register-Guard for transmittal to the Board. A copy of the notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs, must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 500 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 607, Portland, Oregon, 97323, within the same time frame. In taking an appeal, there must be strict compliance with the regulations. In accordance with 43 CFR 4.21, an appellant has the right to petition the Office of Hearing and Appeals to stay the implementation of the decision; however, an appellant must show standing and present reasons for requesting a stay of the decision. The petition for stay must be filed together with a timely notice of appeal (43 CFR 4.21(a)(2)).

Approved by: Emily Rice
Field Manager, McKenzie Resource Area

Date: July 7, 2000